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Stephen Clare - ready to take part in Great North Run

Stephen shapes up for Great North Run

AN EMPLOYEE from Midstream in Skelmersdale is competing in the gruelling Great North Run with the aim of raising £10,000 to fund a shelter which students can use during break times.

Stephen Clare, from Rufford, is an instructor at the Penrose Place centre which provides work activities, training and daycare for people with learning disabilities and other special needs.

The 31-year-old has done a 10km run before but this will be the first time he will run the Great North Run, which is a half marathon.

He said: "I want to raise money to buy a new summer house or shelter which the Midstream students can use during break times. Many of our clients have complex needs and a shelter would provide a safe, quiet outdoor environment for them to socialise and relax.

"I am going to try and raise as much money as possible. Any donations or sponsorship would be much appreciated."

The run will take place on Sunday, September 11 and starts in the centre of Newcastle upon Tyne and finishes along the coast at South Shields.

NO PLAY AT GLENBURN!

The astro-turf pitches.

Anger as former college's sports facilities are closed to public

Report by **Henry James**

MEMBERS of community sports teams from across the town are claiming that the 'Activ8' facilities at the former Glenburn Sports College have closed.

They have contacted the Champion to express their anger about the move, saying Activ8 was set up in 2010 to allow the community to use the 'first class facilities' at Glenburn - including a state-of-the-art 3G floodlit astro-turf 11-a-side pitch.

The pitch was built after Glenburn Sports College and West Lancashire Schools Sports Partnership secured £650,000 of funding in 2009. The money was also used to refurbish the basketball, tennis and netball courts. **Continued inside**

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Daisy-loving Miss England joins star flower show lineup

BEAUTY queen Elizabeth Grant has joined the star-studded line-up at this year's Southport Flower Show.

The 20-year-old university student, who was crowned Miss England in Southport last month, will help launch the UK's biggest independent flower show on Thursday.

She joins a string of famous names who will attend the show's opening day, including celebrity chef Ainsley Harriott and gardening guru Carol Klein.

Elizabeth had never entered a beauty pageant before she was talent spotted while out shopping in her home town and invited to compete in the Miss Preston contest. After winning the Preston crown, she then beat 49 hopefuls from around the country to win the title Miss England.

She will now represent England in the Miss World pageant in Washington DC, USA, later this year, which has a prize of £76,000.

Elizabeth has dedicated her titles to raising funds for the Derian Children's Hospice in Chorley, where her 12-year-old sister Melanie was treated before she died of a brain tumour in 2001.

She said: "I've always loved Southport as I used to visit as a child. I was already planning to visit the flower show this year so I am really delighted to be invited as a special guest for the opening ceremony.

"My sister used to love daisies so they are my favourite flowers as they have a special meaning to our family and make me feel safe. We always love Spring when the daisies come out.

"My mum is very green fingered and keeps a lovely garden. She's coming with me to the show and we're both hoping to pick up some top tips form the experts."

Elizabeth will appear at the Southport Flower Show on the opening day, Thursday August 18.

Elizabeth Grant will appear at Southport Flower Show

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Graham Sumner - back at the rock face where he plummeted 25ft

I OWE MY LIFE TO 25ft CLIFF FALL!

Pensioner's horror tumble led to discovery of undiagnosed tumours... now 70-year-old Graham Sumner says he's been given a third chance at life!

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A WEST LANCS pensioner's terrifying 25ft fall down a rock face saved his life!

When 70 year old retired teacher, Graham Sumner, tumbled down the rocks while out walking, friends immediately feared the worst.

But when Graham was taken to hospital for emergency scans, medics found he had only suffered minor injuries.

However, the scans revealed something unknown to Graham... undiagnosed cancerous tumours.

Graham, from Ormskirk accidently plunged down the cliff edge while out rambling near Frodsham in Cheshire.

North West Air Ambulance paramedics airlifted him to Aintree University Hospital, where a CT scan showed that he had miraculously suffered no broken bones. But his initial relief was short-lived, as doctors then had to break the news to him that they had discovered a 5lb malignant tumour on his kidney – heavier than two bags of sugar - and several other tumours throughout his body.

Just one month later, he was back in hospital having the main tumour removed, and now, a year on, he is making a good recovery – which Graham describes as his "third chance" at life! Graham has now signed up for the Mission Walk on Sunday, September 25, which gives supporters the chance to raise funds to keep the North West Air Ambulance charity's helicopters up and running. Participants can choose between a challenging 10km walk or a gentler, family-friendly 8.5km walk, both of which will take place in Wyresdale Park near Preston.

Graham told the Champion: "I feel like I've been given a third chance at life."

"I wanted to raise money for the North West Air Ambulance Charity and the Mission Walk seemed a natural choice, seeing as I had injured myself on a walk yet it was also strangely the walk that saved my life."

Last year, the charity flew more than 2,000 rescue missions throughout the region and the service completely relies on public donations to keep its helicopters operational and saving lives.

Entry fee costs £15 for adults and £7.50 for children aged six-15 years. To register for the Mission Walk visit nwaa.net/missionwalk or call the team on 0800 587 4570.

To donate appeal, visit online donation site JustGiving and search for 'Graham Sumner.'

The overturned car on County Road,

Two rescued after vehicle overturns on County Road

TWO people were rescued from their overturned vehicle after an accident in Ormskirk at the weekend .

Lancashire Constabulary officers, firefighters from the North West Ambulance Service and paramedics were called to the scene of the collision between a silver Ford Fiesta and a grey Citroen C3 on County Road at the junction with Green Lane and Hayfield Road shortly before 1pm on Sunday, August 14.

The man and woman were freed from the overturned Ford Fiesta and were taken to Ormskirk Hospital with minor injuries for a check-up.

The road was blocked for two hours then reopened.

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Anger as sports site is closed to public

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Activ8 was established as the community side of Glenburn Sports College but now it is feared residents may have lost another sporting facility if reports of the closure prove to be permanent.

One angry Skelmersdale resident, who did not want to be named, told the Champion: "I am so sad to hear that Active8 on Glenburn Field has closed off the last games of football this week.

"Now, we don't have a sports centre - although we have a population bigger than that of Ormskirk and Burscough and they both have sporting facilities!

"Skelmersdale has lost a school and now it also has no sports centre. It's appalling."

Glenburn school closed at the end of the summer term this year following a decision made last year by bosses at Lancashire County Council.

At the time of the decision last May, Glenburn had the worst GCSE results in Lancashire and only 320 students in a school built for more than 1,000.

Year 8 and Year 10 pupils remained at the school until July 2016 to complete their stage 3 and GCSE studies, respectively, before moving to an alternative school. Pupils in Years 7 and 9 moved to a different school in September 2015.

For more than 30 years Glenburn Sports College had aimed to open its doors to the community and community football clubs and groups had been able to use its facilities at a reduced rate.

Activ8 offered many facilities including the gymnasium, astro-turf, arts theatre, sports hall, floodlit tennis, basketball and netball courts as well as a computer suite, kitchens, climbing wall and dance studio.

It was used by local adult and youth teams and the facilities were hired out from 6pm-10pm on evenings and all day at the weekend.

The Champion contacted both the education authority, Lancashire County Council, and Activ8, but neither was able to comment as we went to press.

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Next PACT meeting date announced

THE NEXT meeting of the Police And Communities Together group will be held in September.

The PACT branch for the Scott and Knowsley wards in Ormskirk will meet at Cottage Lane Mission in Ormskirk on Monday, September 19 at 7.15pm.

Representatives from Lancashire Constabulary and local council will be present to discuss relevant concerns and deliver updates and residents from both wards are encouraged to attend.

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Trust's disciplinary hearings set to start against suspended hospital bosses

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

DISCIPLINARY hearings for three suspended Southport and Ormskirk Hospital bosses are set to begin in September, the Champion understands.

However despite an eagerness by Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust to finally put an end to the ongoing scandal, many residents and campaigners remain angry and baffled by how long the saga has rolled on for.

The Champion exclusively revealed in last week's newspaper that after a year-long inquiry into the suspension of four members of staff at the hospital sites, including chief executive Jonathan Parry, three of the four bosses are facing 'a case to answer' following the independent disciplinary investigation.

The fourth member of staff who was originally excluded will now return to work after being cleared of any wrongdoing.

A spokesperson at the Trust could not say which members of staff are set to face a disciplinary hearing – leaving residents still in the dark as to the future of chief executive Jonathan Parry, chief operating officer Sheilah Finnegan, human resources director Sharon Partington and deputy director of performance Richard McCarthy.

Saga

Nevertheless, the Trust has also announced the appointment of a new temporary chief executive in the form of Iain McInnes, although the Trust declined to comment if this meant that Jonathan Parry would be one of those facing a disciplinary hearing.

Although a disciplinary hearing is now earmarked for the beginning of September, campaigners have still reacted angrily to the news that the saga is nowhere near over.

Local Cllr Tony Dawson told the Champion: "After twelve whole months of the public paying more than twice the going rate for four top hospital managers - without having them work a single day for us in all that time - we are now being promised yet another inquiry while the Chairman, who promises us this, is just about to disappear herself!"

"Rightly or wrongly, an inquiry is what a hundred thousand people in Southport, Ormskirk and Formby thought we were already having. In fact, we thought there had been three inquiries, all paid for at great expense out of public funds. Now we are promised another inquiry and, who knows, if we are lucky, a potential set of court cases after that."

"Not knowing or particularly wanting to know the details of the 'charges' against these managers, does not stop me from speculating upon the punishment which the staff members concerned - and the NHS hospital services serving the area have already suffered during the past 12 months."

"I am sure the people of Southport will have all sorts of ideas, not all of them printable, as to the proper punishment due to the people who have been supervising this never-ending series of inquiries."

Sue Musson, Chair of the Trust said: "This is a serious employment issue for the Trust and will have been a very difficult time for the individuals concerned.

"I am pleased that the necessarily lengthy and diligent investigation into the complex matters involved has now concluded.

"Throughout this process, the Trust has adhered to the appropriate policies to ensure fairness while acknowledging the legitimate public interest in the timescale and costs involved.

"The Trust's priority is and remains providing quality healthcare to the 258,000 people we serve across Southport, Formby and West Lancashire.

"The Trust will be unable to comment further until the conclusion of the disciplinary hearings."

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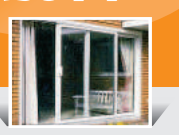

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Snappers to host fourth exhibition

MEMBERS of a photography club are hosting their fourth exhibition.

Beacon Photographic Club's event is now open and will run until Saturday, September 3 at Skelmersdale Library.

Club secretary Danny Jackson said: "The members wanted to showcase their work to give inspiration and to encourage new members to the club.

"If we're not at the Wardens Club on a Thursday night, then you'll often find us out-and-about across the North West. We'll teach you camera and photographic skills, from shooting out on location to studio work. We cover all aspects of photography, from landscape, portrait to low light photography and painting with light.

"If you're new to photography and want to develop your camera skills or just want to meet like-minded people with the same interest, then why not pay us a visit?"

For more information, Search for Beacon Photographic Club on social media site Facebook or email beaconphotographic-club@outlook.com

Entry to the exhibition costs £3.

Some of the activities for young people

Just like the Olympics, say youngsters

SKELMERSDALE Action for Youth (SAY) and Skelmersdale Police are running an Early Action activities programme for young people aged seven years and above over the summer holidays.

The programme got underway with Mad Max Carting for males and females.

Alan Lewis from SAY said: "We run activities for youngsters over the summer holidays. We are also organising a road safety programme to give young people the chance to learn the highway code.

"We are always looking for new ways to motivate children by engaging them through positive activities over the summer. Some of the young people said that the events were like the Olympics."

SAY are also running a volunteer scheme where young people are helping with the events and working towards gaining the 100 and 250 hour certificates. Those who take part in the volunteer scheme also have the opportunity of being nominated for the Lord High Sheriff Award for Young Citizens.

SAY run the Mad Max Carting every Monday evening at Evermoor Hub from 5pm to 6pm, followed by Wigan Athletic Community Trust's football sessions from 6pm to 8pm for young people from the ages of seven years and above. There is also turfboarding and sledging every Wednesday night at Yewdale Amphitheatre from 6pm to 7 pm.

On Friday evening at Evermoor Hub, from 5pm to 6pm, there is Crazy Carts and Cardiff Skating.

All youngsters will have to fill in a consent form, including their name, address, contact number, and their date of birth.

Pals on a mission to tackle poverty

by Danielle Thompson

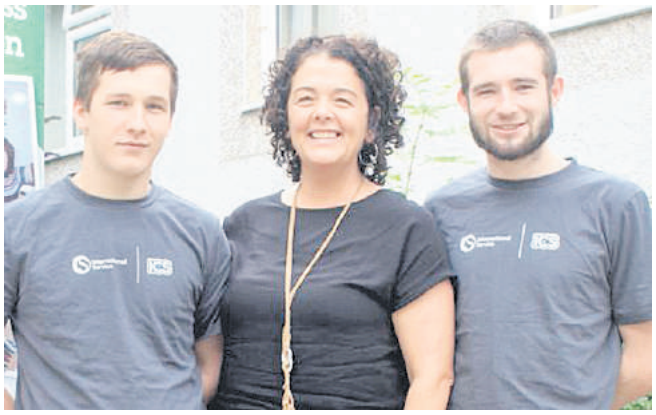
TWO friends plan to tackle poverty and 'make a difference' in developing countries by volunteering for three months in Africa.

David Goulding, 23, and Grant Walker, 18, who are both residents at 'Birchwood' - a young people's charity based in Birch Green in Skelmersale, need to raise £1,600 to support a project that tackles poverty in Africa.

The pair will travel to Nicaragua and Bukina Faso in September with international development organisation Raleigh, as part of the UK Government Funded International Citizen Service programme. They will work in partnership with local volunteers to help raise some of the world's poorest communities out of poverty.

Before they leave for Africa they must raise £800 each for Raleigh. Grant will be holding a band gig fundraising night which will be taking place at the E-rooms this Saturday (August 20) and David is planning bag packing sessions and bucket collections.

Grant said: "The money raised from our fundraising will help make sure that the communities in developing countries continue to benefit from the work of future volunteers, so it's vital we reach our target.



Grant Walker, Birchwood Centre community development officer, Paula Kearns, and David Goulding

"We have been working really hard in partnership with the E-Rooms to make sure the bands are booked and local businesses have been very supportive donating raffle prizes and offering their help and support, we are hoping everyone will come along and give generously!"

David added: "The project I'm working on aims to help local communities build and maintain schools, houses and business in Nicaragua all of whom are less fortunate than ourselves. I feel that I have been fortunate to have received help and support from staff at Birchwood to turn my life around and now I would like the opportunity to help make a difference to other people's lives and experience another culture at the same time."

The event at the E-Rooms starts art 7pm this Saturday. To help them reach their targets, visit online donation site Just Giving and search for Grant Walker, or David Goulding.

Writing group to hold meet-and-greet with local authors

A WRITERS' group is inviting members of the public to a meet-and-greet with local authors at Skelmersdale Library.

Skelmersdale Writers' Group are holding the event and authors will be on hand to talk and read from their books from 5-7pm on Monday November 7.

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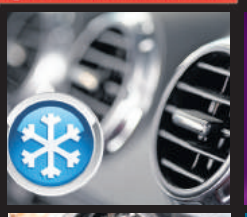
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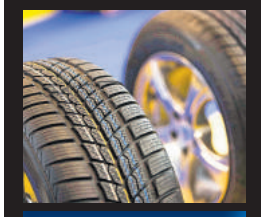
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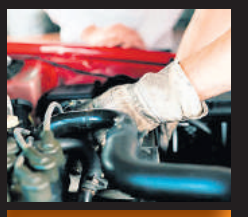
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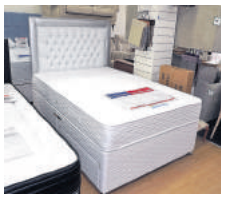

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A scene from Alice in Wonderland

Drama club's Alice in Wonderland production wows audiences at school

BUDDING actors at Skelmersdale's St James' School Drama Club have performed the children's favourite, Alice in Wonderland.

The Drama Club at St James' in Ashurst, Skelmersdale put on two performances this year for parents as well as an additional performance for the rest of the school.

Terri Browning organised many rehearsals for the children after school and during lunch times over four months.

This is the third St James' School Drama Club production following on from Bugsy Malone and The Wizard of Oz.

Headteacher, Dave Iliff commented: "It is wonderful to see so many children that really enjoy the opportunity to perform on the stage.

"The children certainly enjoyed themselves and the response from each audience was lovely. There were lots of proud parents who turned up to watch.

"We are so fortunate at St James' to have dedicated members of staff such as Miss Browningwho give up so much of their spare time to give children the chance to shine.

"These memories will stay with the children and their families for years to come."

Wheelchair Steve is on the lookout for volunteers

Report by **Henry James**

A CAMPAIGNER is hoping to set up a network of 'Wheelchair Ambassadors' throughout the country and he is looking for volunteers from Skelmersdale.

It is the idea of Steve Wilkinson, also known as Wheelchair Steve, who has for more than 20 years been passionate about making the world a more accessible place for disabled people.

Wheelchair Ambassadors will help wheelchair users find places (eg restaurants, cafes, pubs, and attractions) to go that will meet their specific accessibility needs.

Steve said: "For over 20 years now, I've been passionate about making the World a more accessible place and have worked on a number of initiatives to improve the situation for those people with specific access needs.

"We aim to grow a vast network of wheelchair users and their family members, friends and professional carers willing to be contacted by other wheelchair users to share detailed information about places they may go regularly near where they live.

"We aim to build a database of one or more Wheelchair Ambassadors for each city, town and village in the United Kingdom who can promote accessible places they go near where they live if they are contacted by wheelchair users wanting to visit that area."

Steve Wilkinson was born with Spina Bifida in 1953 and has used a wheelchair for most of his life.

Steve Wilkinson

He spent many of his early years in hospital and he only started school at the age of eight. He founded International Wheelchair Day in 2008.

He added: "Wheelchair Ambassadors will use Twitter to facilitate communication between people, so we encourage everyone to have a Twitter account and follow other Wheelchair Ambassadors, even if they don't use Twitter for anything else."

People are being asked to send an email to steve@wheelchairambassadors.com expressing their interest. In the email they should tell Steve where they live, what type of wheelchair user they are, or if they are a family member, friend or carer of a wheelchair user.

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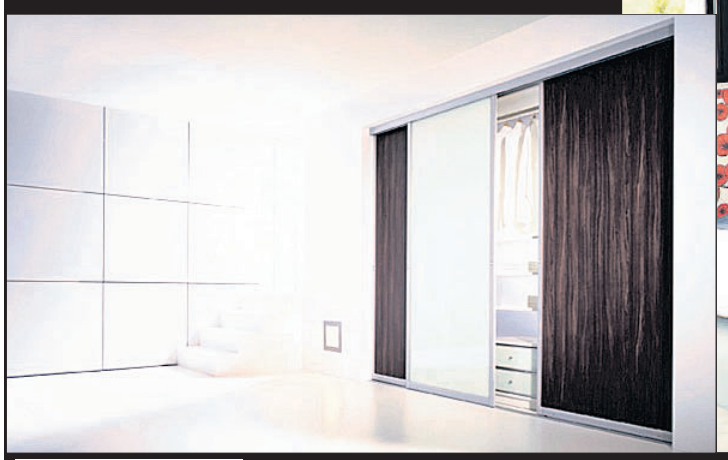

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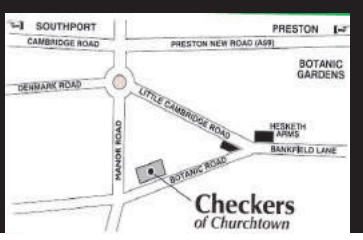

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Lathom is steeped in history

Lathom's rich history online

MEMBERS of a local history organisation have set up a new group on a social media site to allow more people to explore Lathom's rich history.

Lathom Park Trust supports historical and archaeological research and surveys within Lathom Park; identifies and protects significant sites, and supports historical research training for members of the public.

Members of the Trust recently launched an information page on social media site Facebook. Chairman of Lathom Park Trust Paul Kenyon said: "Local historian Dot Broady Hawkes has taken over the administration of our page and we are now publishing historical snippets with photographs on a very regular basis, three or four times per week. Our trustee Chris Bentley is also involved - many people will knows Chris from the Ormskirk Bygone Times web pages.

"We aim to post small historical items relating to Lathom and its links on a regular basis so that people from the district can learn more of the significant history of Lathom, its notable families and its local characters and families of the past.

"We feel that the past history will be of interest to people of the area but more importantly up-and-coming generations can learn more about their local history and how important Lathom was over the past 600 years and more."

For more information, search for Lathom Park Trust at www.facebook.com

Village Hall at 'heart of the community' could be sold off, residents fear

Westhead Village Hall

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

WESTHEAD residents fear their much-loved Village Hall could be sold off.

The hall is run by a board of trustees, who held a meeting recently when, it is claimed, they decided to put the venue up for sale.

The Diocese of Liverpool, who own St James Church in Westhead confirmed to the Champion that they do not own the Wigan Road venue but have previously leased it – and that the lease has now lapsed.

In reaction to the sell-off fears, members of St James, the Westhead Carnival Committee and the Friends of St James, jointly held a public meeting at Westhead Village Hall to discuss the potential plans, which was also well-attended by local residents.

The news comes only shortly after the closure of the Halton Castle Inn pub, which was also used as a meeting place for villagers, as well as the closure of the Halton Castle Bowling Club – with the trundlers turfed off after playing at the venue for more than 80 years.

The Village Hall has been used by a variety of groups including local Beavers, a gardening club, craft club, martial arts group and a children's playgroup.

A spokesperson for St James Westhead said: "We are very sad to learn that changing financial circumstances have led the trustees of Westhead Village Hall to decide to put the hall up for sale. St James is proud to have supported the trustees in running the hall over many years - even to the extent of planning repairs to the hall for this summer, which, of course, now cannot go ahead.

"The closure of the playgroup, the hall and Halton Castle are a real blow to the village community. If anyone felt up to organising to register the Castle as an asset of community value and then try to find a way forward for both hall and castle, then St James would want to offer whatever help we could."

Champion reader, Steve Walker, from Westhead, said: "What is it about Westhead at the moment? It certainly seems as if the heart of the community is being gradually dismantled.

"The Village Hall has long been a focal point for residents and has been used by a variety of groups and for village fund-raisers such as the Carnival Association Christmas Fair and plant sales for the Scout Group, as well as being hired out for children's birthday parties.

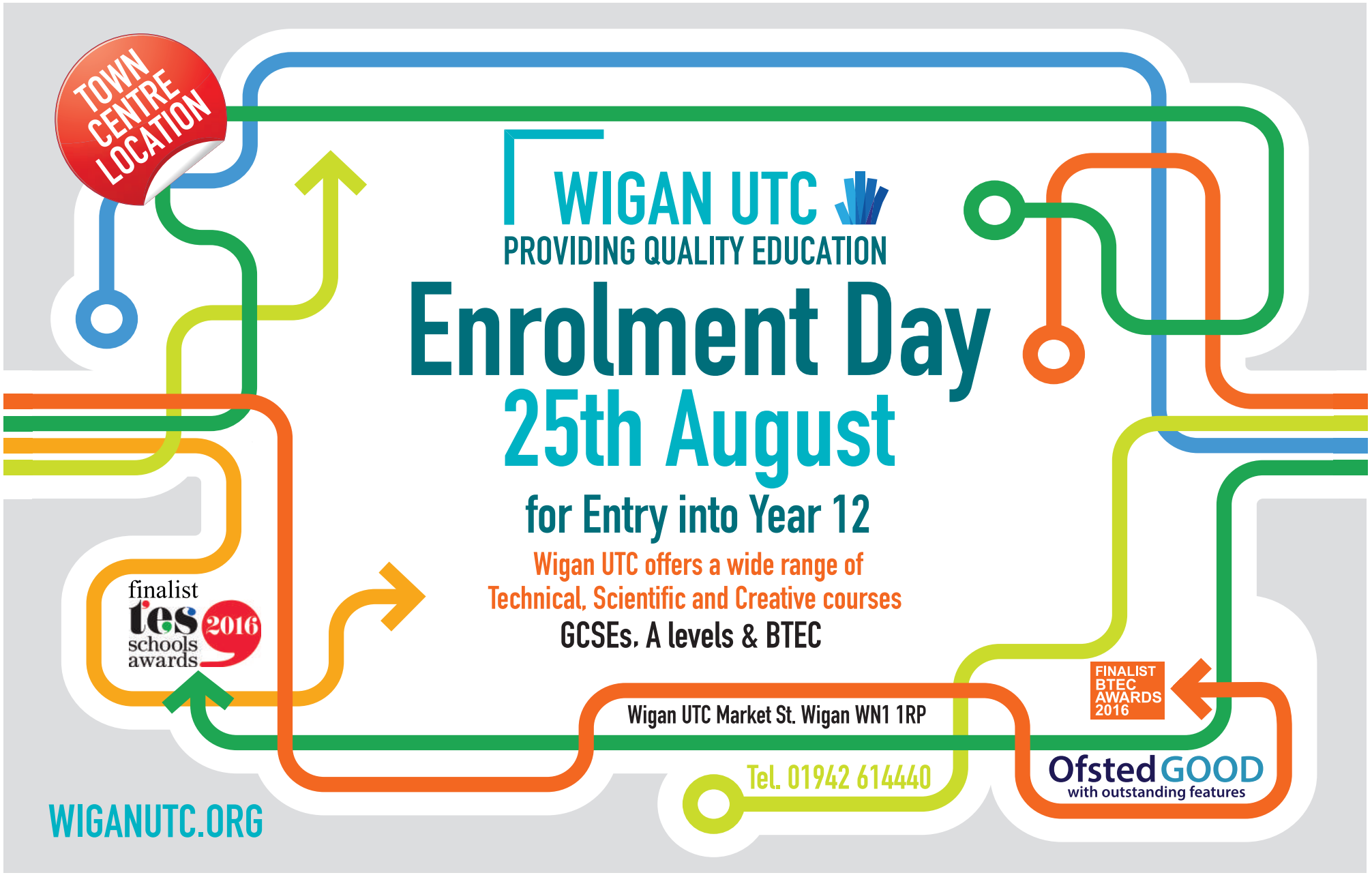
"The knock-on effect of the closure is clear for all to see. How can community spirit and social cohesion be engendered when there are no facilities for residents to meet together?

"What will be next to go one wonders? Will Westhead Carnival survive? The future looks bleak if Westhead simply becomes a main road between Ormskirk and Skelmersdale with just a few houses on either side."

Westhead resident Maria O'Neill added: "A meeting was held for residents and interested parties about the proposed sale of the village hall, which was well attended and at times quite emotive.

"The overwhelming feeling was that the hall must be kept as a community facility and lots of residents registered their interest in ensuring that it does.

"A further meeting is planned - Westhead residents are not letting go without a fight. We need more facilities in Westhead - not letting go of the only one we have!"



Martin Mere news

The new Wooded Wetlands development has opened at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre.

The new attraction is a complete redevelopment of the North American area of the waterfall gardens and includes a tepee encampment demonstrating how indigenous people lived sustainably in wetlands as a focal point for events and activities for children and adults. The attraction has been partly funded thanks to the generous support of players of People's Postcode Lottery.

Grounds Manager, Steve Nasir, said: "I am really pleased with how this new area looks and it has been well received by our visitors. It has been great seeing children playing around the tepees and walking across the boardwalk, learning about the species that would inhabit North America. "

The development has 4 key elements: the waterfall pen, which is now home to a number of buffleheads, a diving sea duck, plus some carp.

Part of the development has been to install a water filtration system so that the water is clear and you can see the diving ducks as they play and swim underwater – this is the first time we have been able to show this behaviour at Martin Mere; a boardwalk through the central pens accessible via a log cabin to see species such as trumpeter swan and Carolinas; the central lake that has species such as canvasback on it; and the tepee encampment.

The swamps and forests in North America form a continuous ring of wetland wilderness around the entire globe. They form the world's largest biome and are the destination of choice for many breeding waterbirds. It's experienced the biggest temperature change in the world over the last two decades and faces many threats. Many of the traditional ways of life are also under threat and visitors to Martin Mere's wooded wetlands will learn about how local communities lived in tune with nature.

Steve continues: "Come down over the summer holidays to do your nature explorer passport, see our GIANT LEGO® brick animals and take a walk through North America."

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am to 6pm during summer months and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight WWT Wetland Centres.

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Two weeks left to give your views on budget proposals

by Danielle Thompson

RESIDENTS and organisations in West Lancashire have just over two weeks left to give their views on the borough council's proposals for savings, efficiencies and increases in income totalling more than £750,000 in the General Revenue Budget.

The authority is inviting people to give their views by the closing date of Sunday, September 4 before the final decisions are taken in October for implementation in 2017/18.

Among the main proposals are:

•Introducing an annual charge of £30 to collect garden waste.

•Ceasing garden waste collections during the winter.

•Modest reductions in the number of CCTV cameras in areas with lower crime rates and in live monitoring in off-peak periods.

•A review of street cleaning work.

•A new approach to public toilets provision.

The council is working with West Lancashire CVS to contact local voluntary and community groups, businesses, and other organisations to invite them to take part.

Councillor Chris Wynn

However, it is stressed that the consultation is open to all. Any organisation can complete the survey and all residents can take part. Paper copies of the surveys can be provided if requested.

Tough

Council tenants are also being asked to give their views on housing budget proposals totalling more than £6 million over the next three years.

Some of the main proposals are removal of the mains water replacement programme; revising their disabled adaptations policy to make better use of housing stock; removal of the programme to replace fencing and paving and replacing it with cyclical repairs and introducing a nominal charge for the gardening service.

Councillor Chris Wynn, the council's portfolio holder for finance, said: "The council faces some tough decisions and it is very important that people take the opportunity to give their views so the council can take them into account when those decisions are made.

"I urge any residents and organisations who have not yet taken part in this consultation to visit the website and let us know what they think."

People can give their views through the council website at www.westlancs.gov.uk/your-views or those with no access to the internet can request a printed copy of the proposals by calling 01695 585141.

Tenants can also send their comments in writing to Housing Revenue Budget Consultation, Housing and Inclusion Services, 49-51 Westgate, Skelmersdale, WN8 8LP.

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There's still time to answer council's 'Call for Sites'

Residents invited to suggest possible locations for future development

THERE'S still time for members of the public to tell West Lancs Council about any land in the borough that might be suitable for development in the future.

The council's 'Call for Sites' exercise is part of its on-going strategic planning work which includes a new study entitled a Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment.

As a result the authority would like to hear about sites in West Lancashire that could possibly be used for housing, business, employment land, traveller accommodation, retail, commercial uses, or for people to build their own homes.

People have until Friday, September 9 to suggest land which they believe could make an appropriate development site in the future.

The council will consider all sites suggested that are within the borough and will look at factors such as their capacity, risk from flooding, and other constraints in an endeavour to make a judgment about their suitability for development and potential timescales.

Councillor John Hodson

Details of suggested sites must be submitted on the official 'Call for Sites' form which is available until September 9 on the borough council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/call-forsites; from the council offices at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk; or can be requested by phoning 01695 585284 or sending an email to localplan@westlancs.gov.uk.

If you have submitted a site within the borough for consideration in the last couple of years you don't need to re-submit the same site, unless you have new information which would help the council to re-appraise the site.

Councillor John Hodson, the council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "We have already had a good response to our 'Call for Sites' exercise but there is still time for you to suggest land in the borough that you think should be considered for development.

" The process will help us as we plan for the future and keep our Local Plan background information up to date.

"We must stress that putting a site forward in this exercise is not a guarantee that the council will subsequently allocate it or support its development in the future. All sites will need to be judged against relevant planning policies and other considerations."

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Health commissioning group given 'good' rating by NHS England

Report by **Henry James**

THE NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has been rated as 'good' in NHS England's 2015/16 CCG Assurance Framework.

The framework assesses commissioning groups across the country in five measures - well-led organisation, delegated functions, finance and performance and planning. Based on this criteria, CCGs are then rated as either outstanding, good, requires improvement or inadequate.

NHS West Lancashire CCG's overall rating was good but highlighted were its 'robust' governance structure with both stakeholder and member practice engagement and 'strong' financial management, while reference was also made to the management of the floods that hit the region in the winter of 2015 which was described as showing the group's 'high level of resilience' and planning.

West Lancashire CCG chief officer Mike Maguire

Challenging

Mike Maguire, chief officer at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "We are delighted to have received the good standard for our CCG, which is a testament to the progress that we are continuing to make in providing the best possible health and social care for the residents of West Lancashire.

"We are in challenging economic times at the moment, so for our financial situation to be highlighted, as well as our planning and resilience around last year's floods and our strong grip on the issues affecting the region, is a reflection of the hard work that goes on within the CCG.

"I would therefore like to thank our local GPs, clinicians and lay members of our board, our staff, and our wider stakeholders and partner organisations for their commitment to improving local health services.

"However, we acknowledge that to achieve an outstanding rating in the future, there are areas that we need to strengthen, including A&E waiting times and delivering a four-hour standard, and improving the pace of which we implement our primary care transformation."

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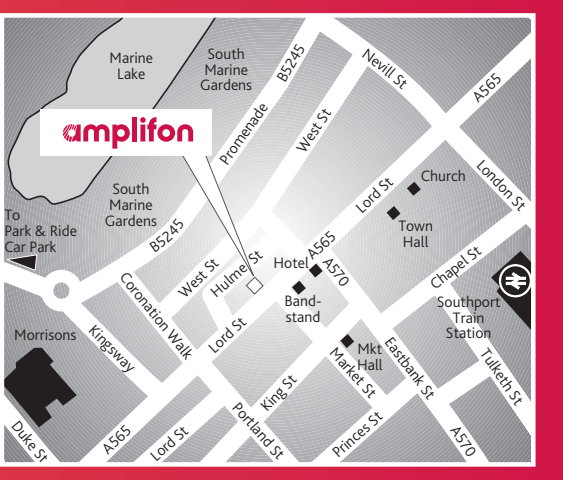

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‘Disturbing’ decision is step to next stage of privatising NHS

I FIND it rather disturbing that West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has blocked our NHS from running services at Ormskirk Hospital and Skelmersdale’s Walk-in-Centre.

It seems that this is the work of local GPs and West Lancashire Health commissioners. Basically, the CCG, which is unelected and, it appears, unaccountable, is selling off our local NHS.

Two bidders are in the ‘market’ - Optum Health Solutions and Virgin Care, run by that renowned medical doctor, Richard Branson.

On the bright side when you are sick you will also be able to upgrade your broadband at the same time.

On a serious note, this is a step in the next stage of privatisation to devolve our NHS budgets and to merge the NHS budget with social care - social care budgets having already been largely privatised.

You will then have contamination but more disturbingly you will also have the entry point for patient charges and co-payments.

The leader of West Lancashire CCG is Dr John Cain who, according to figures published by the CCG, has been paid up to £140,000 for his part-time role as chairman of the CCG board.

A ‘public servant’ on that kind of money should at least answer the following:

1. What power have you got?
2. Where did you get it from?
3. In whose interests do you exercise it?
4. Who are you accountable to?

Joseph Welsh, Skelmersdale

I refuse to pay for collection of someone else’s green waste

IF, as expected, West Lancs residents are charged for green waste in the future do I now have the right to throw cuttings from overgrown neighbours’ bushes/trees etc. back into their gardens?

At the moment the law states that I have to ask neighbours if they would like their garden waste back (ridiculous I know). But if the council move the goal posts and start charging for green waste and the thoughtless neighbour declines to accept their waste back, is it really fair to charge me for someone else’s ignorance?

At the moment I have a neighbour who ignores his fast-growing hedge every year and I fill at least six full green bins over the summer stopping it from encroaching on to my land and I don’t want to be charged for this.

I’m prepared to pay for my own land waste if that’s the situation we find ourselves in financially as I’m lucky to have a small-ish garden so am unlikely to amass a large charge but I refuse to pay for someone else.

Will the charge be a one-off for the whole year or will I have to pay every time I use the service?

Aughton resident, details suppplied

Grateful for carvery’s support

AS chairman of the Ormskirk Theatre Company I feel I must write in response to a recent article in the Champion (‘Theatre group’s fear for future’, July 20) which may have have suggested we were displeased with the support we have received from the Toby Carvery in Ormskirk where we have staged our recent productions.

The carvery has given us tremendous support over the last year and offered rehearsal and performance space for free.

We are not looking for another venue. The Toby Carvery has turned out to be an ideal performance space for a small theatre group such as ours.

We would like to thank the Toby Carvery publicly for all their support over the last 10 months.

The venue is giving the local community an opportunity to have a ‘city centre’ experience by enjoying a meal prior to seeing a show and having a few drinks during the performance - all in all, a good-value night out.

Our audiences have grown since our collaboration and they have nothing but praise for the venue, the staff and the facilities provided by this restaurant.

Andy Hawkes, chairman, Ormskirk Theatre Company

Cost of long-running hospital bosses inquiry is obscene

WE utterly deplore the length of time being taken to decide whether the four bosses at the hospital trust have to answer the allegations unknown to West Lancashire residents.

The amount of money being paid out to finance them doing nothing and those taking their place is obscene when our wonderful NHS is struggling to recruit front-line staff such as doctors, nurses and other valuable therapists.

We should at the very least be given the reasons for this extraordinary delay which is taking away a vital service from us all in West Lancashire.

Judy and Brian Ingman, Aughton, by email

It’s management’s job to look after customers not security staff’s

IN response to the letter from the Concourse manager (August 10) saying that the lift has been out of order for ‘a couple of weeks’ - try 16 weeks and counting!

He also states that we can ask security to take us up in the goods lift but we have to wait 10 minutes or so for security to come as they have to do their own jobs first.

Personally I think this is unfair to the security staff as it is not their job to be lift operators. Shouldn’t it be the management’s job to look after the customers’ needs and come down to take us up in the lift and leave security keep the Concourse safe for customers and shopkeepers?

Kenny Wilkinson, by email

PICTURE of the week

Local musician Flora Golden on stage at last weekend’s Bickerstaffe Community Free Music Festival, also known as ‘Bickerstock’, now celebrating its 12th year. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Drop us a line

■ **IF you’ve got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?**

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Parking problem is a danger

MAY we take this opportunity to thank you for publishing the recent letter from David Burtchaell in which he highlights the daily danger faced with traffic congestion and vehicles parking on Long Lane and surrounding roads.

Motorists using Aughton Park station (both staff and rail passengers) now leave cars parked both sides of Long Lane and the majority of the surrounding roads.

The volume of parked vehicles has increased dramatically over recent months. Just why this has increased is unclear, but what is evidently clear is how dangerous the situation has become.

Please West Lancs Council do something to resolve this before there is a serious accident.

The majority of Merseyrail train stations provide car park facilities wherever possible. Why not make the spare plot of land next to the station a free of charge or pay and display parking facility?

G &N Davies, by email

Drivers should take more care

I WOULD like to agree with the letter from David Burtchaell (Champion, August 3) about road safety on Long Lane, Aughton.

I too live on Long Lane and apart from motorists parking by the station, the speed of the cars, vans, farm lorries up and down the road is dreadful, plus drivers on mobile phones.

I live at the other end from the station and by the school and the church, and these drivers don’t worry about anyone or anything apart from themselves. In fact, on a morning they drive along the footpath.

I’m sure before long we will have a really nasty accident, so drivers please take more care especially around the school.

Rena Sixsmith, Aughton

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The Yanks are coming to MotorFest 2016!

EYE-catching cars from the USA will join the displays at this year's Ormskirk MotorFest on Sunday, August 28.

The American Auto Club North West (AACNW) is aiming to bringing a fleet of magnificent vehicles to the MotorFest, hailed as the biggest free motoring extravaganza in the North West,

Among the cars the AACNW will display at the event are a 17-feet long Chevrolet Impala, a six-litre Plymouth Cuda, one of the top US 'muscle' cars of the 1970s, and a Dodge Charger with a 5.7 litre 'Hemi' engine.

Gordon Dennett, vice-chairman of the AACNW, said: "American cars are known for their 'fins'n'chrome', while a lot of models are known as 'muscle' cars and we aim to have plenty of fins, chrome and muscle on display.

"This will be the first time we have come to Ormskirk MotorFest and we are really looking forward to it. People really enjoy seeing the American cars at festivals, especially the children."

Organised by Aintree Circuit Club, supported by West Lancs Council, Ormskirk MotorFest will feature more than 300 classic and competition cars and motorcycles from all eras of motoring. These will be on display in Coronation Park and Ormskirk town centre streets and thousands are expected to visit the town for the marvellous motoring extravaganza.

The Chevrolet Impala is one of the American cars that will be at the Ormskirk MotorFest

Some of the top vehicles of all types at MotorFest will be lined up in a special area in Coronation Park to take part in the Concours d'Elegance, sponsored by Halsall-based Carequick Ltd. Air Conditioning for the second year. Judges will examine the vehicles and award prizes in 13 categories along with an overall winner.

As well as the fantastic cars, a Vintage and Handmade Fair will also be held with a great selection of stalls selling art and crafts, retro, vintage and upcycled wares, as well as providing fabulous entertainment by the Cotton Town Hot Club vintage DJs and creative activities for families.

Trinity Girls Brass Band will be performing in Coronation Park bandstand between 2 and 4pm and the Merchant Taylors Sax Jazz Group will also be providing entertainment in the park and in the town centre.

Aintree Circuit Club chairman, Mike Ashcrofft, said: "We are really pleased the AACNW are coming to Motorfest. The sheer size of some of the American vehicles means they look very impressive, and I am sure plenty of MotorFest visitors will take a look at them."

And Councillor John Hodson, West Lancashire Borough Council Portfolio holder for Planning, added: "MotorFest isn't far away now, and we are really looking forward to it. With so many thousands of visitors expected to come to Ormskirk for the MotorFest, we hope that town centre businesses will take advantage of this great opportunity and open up on MotorFest day."

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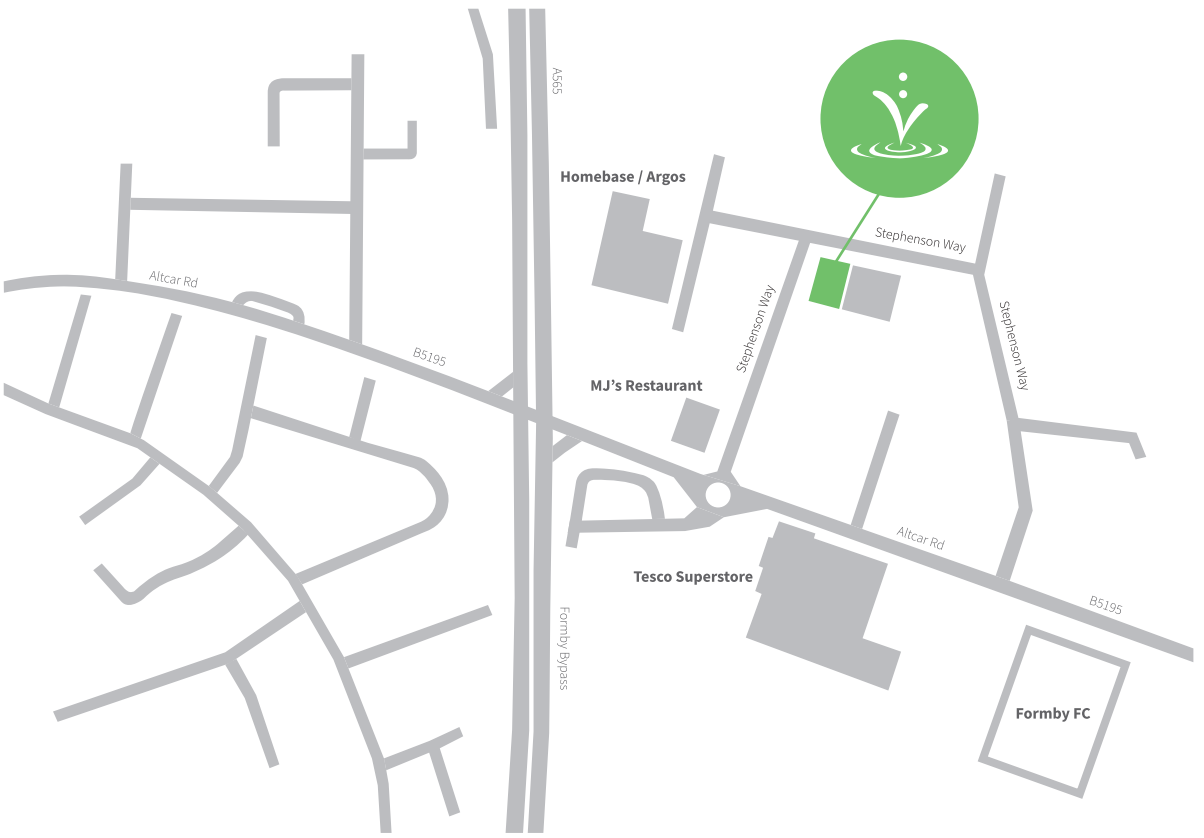

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Chance for public to tell borough council improvements they would like to see

WEST Lancs Council's corporate and environmental overview and scrutiny committee are inviting local residents to submit topic suggestions for consideration for inclusion in their work programme for 2016/17.

Through its work the committee will bring forward appropriate recommendations to cabinet which can influence future decisions on policy and important decisions the council may make.

Topics can cover any area of the council's work and in some cases the work of partner organisations that might have significance for the local community in West Lancashire.

The reviews carried out by the committee provide a valuable insight into issues facing local communities and can assist the work of the council and lead to significant improvements for residents.

Wide range

Reviews in previous years have covered a wide range of topics including cycling in West Lancashire, healthy schools, alcohol and associated problems, speeding traffic, climate change and affordable housing to name but a few.

If you have a suggestion that you think might be suitable you email your ideas to member.services@westlancs.gov.uk or call 01695 585016. The deadline for topic suggestions for the work programme is Friday, August 26.

Councillor Nikki Hennessy, chairman of the corporate and environmental overview and scrutiny committee, said: "This administration is keen to be fully engaged with our residents. I am looking forward to hearing residents' thoughts and suggestions for consideration by the committee to assist us in setting a work programme for scrutiny topics that can help make a real difference to the borough."

Councillor Nikki Hennessy

Scrutiny meetings take place at the council offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk starting at 7pm and are open to the public. Dates and times of future meetings are: Thursday, October 13, Thursday, December 1 and Thursday, March 2, 2017.

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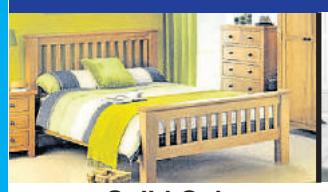

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County council drive to recruit foster carers

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

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Local talent showcased as hundreds flock to Bickerstock festival

By Danielle Thompson

VISTORS flocked to the 12th annual annual two-day Bickerstock Music Festival at the weekend.

The West Lancs Mayor Councillor Liz Savage opened the event at the Parish Field on Hall Lane in Bickerstaffe on Saturday 13 August, which ran until Sunday 14 August.

The Bickerstaffe Community Free Music Festival, known as Bickerstock, was the brainchild of local resident Paul Draper who runs a recording studio called Dead Frog Studios in Bickerstaffe.

The festival aims to give up-and-coming local musicians the opportunity to perform alongside established musicians and residents from across the area are encouraged to help with the running and organisation of the festival.

Entertainment

It also featured children's entertainment including a bouncy castle, face painting and donkey rides, barbeque, tea stalls and camping.

Former Glenburn High School student Mike Durgan brought his company Proud House Events back to Bickerstock where he first started six years ago to provides tage lighting, after working at a Foo Fighters gig in Cannes the weekend before!

The event has raised funds for a wide range of community-based charities and projects n the past including the refurbishment of the Bickerstaffe Mission Building, the Bickerstaffe Pensioners' Day Trip Fund, Bickerstaffe Amateur Football Club, Holy Trinity Church Boiler Fund, St Joseph's Hospice, Skelmersdale Sea Cadets, local Girl Guides, Merseycats and Rainford Young Farmers. This year, the charities they fundraised for included the Mayor's charities, the Neo-Natal Unit at Ormskirk Hospital; the Artz Centre in Birch Green; The Civic (formerly Ormskirk Civic Hall) and the Birchwood Centre in Skelmersdale.

West Lancs Mayor Coun Liz Savage and County Coun Sue Prynn (3rd from right) with muscians, performers and helpers at last weekend's Bickerstock Festival.

Big Bambora on stage at Saturday's Bickerstock 2016 Music Festival.

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County's youngsters encouraged to 'make their mark'

Ballot offers chance to decide on topics for Youth Parliament's Commons debate

YOUNG people from Lancashire will vote on the issues to be discussed at a special session of the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) to be held in the House of Commons.

The ballot, called Make Your Mark, was launched on Friday, August 12 and runs until Wednesday, October 5. It will give young people aged 11 to 18 across the country the chance to have their say on what issues matter most to them.

Votes can be cast online and through ballot papers issued in schools and youth centres. The result will influence what topics are debated by the Youth Parliament at the session in the House of Commons on Friday, November 11.

Local Members of the Youth Parliament (MYPs) are working with schools, colleges, youth groups and voluntary groups in their districts to encourage young people to get involved.

Young people will be able to choose from 10 topics on the ballot paper and the five most popular will be discussed by MYPs in their Commons debate, chaired by the speaker, John Bercow and broadcast live on BBC Parliament.

Last year, the Make Your Mark ballot surveyed the opinions of more than 37,000 young people in Lancashire - 5,000 more than in the previous year.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "Last year, young people in Lancashire posted more votes than anywhere else in the country, and I'm hoping for similar enthusiasm this time.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson

"The five main issues of concern for Lancashire's young people last year were mental health, tackling racism and discrimination, transport, the Curriculum for Life and the Living Wage."

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Report finds patients struggle to access medical records

PEOPLE in Lancashire are finding it difficult to access their medical records online, according to a report by Healthwatch Lancashire.

As part of an investigation by the group, 17 volunteers and members of staff attempted to access their own medical records and online services at their own local GP. Only three were able to access their full records.

The investigation did find that three-quarters of the group were able to access some online features through their GP surgery to book appointments and order repeat prescriptions.

This preliminary investigation is being followed up by patient engagement visits to individual GP practices by Healthwatch Lancashire to listen to people's experiences.

Since May Healthwatch Lancashire has undertaken 12 of these visits and will be continuing to visit GPs throughout the year.

The report is available to read online or download on the Healthwatch Lancashire website www.healthwatchlancashire.co.uk.

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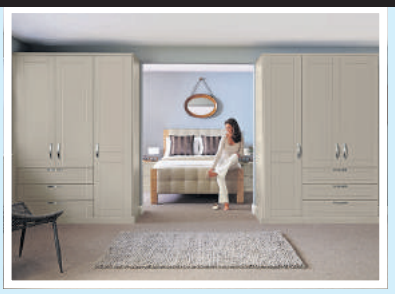

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Up Holland singer unveils new music video

FORMER UP Holland High School pupil Richard Ashcroft has unveiled the video for his current single, They Don't Own Me, and he directed it himself.

This is the third single taken from his top three album, These People, which was released on the Righteous Phonographic Association via Cooking Vinyl Records.

These People, which is Richard's first album release in six years, made playlists on BBC Radio 2, Radio X, Absolute, and Virgin Radio.

The Brit and Ivor Novello award winning and Grammy nominated artist recorded These People in London and it was produced by Richard and longtime collaborator Chris Potter, as well as marking a reunion with Will Malone.

Malone worked with Richard on the string arrangements on the albums by The Verve A Northern Soul (1995), Urban Hymns (1997), and his platinum-selling and critically acclaimed debut solo album Alone with Everybody (2000).

Currently playing at a number of European Festivals, Richard returns for a handful of UK shows and Festivals in August before embarking on shows in Japan and South America.

The singer will be working with Will Malone again for two live shows this December (Liverpool Arena on December 7 and the London 02 Arena on December 9) when he will be performing with an orchestra performing songs from These People' alongside his back catalogue of both solo work and that with The Verve.

The Verve was formed in 1989 by the Up Holland High School classmates: Simon Jones, Simon Tong and Peter Salisbury. Nick McCabe joined the band at a later date.

Richard Ashcroft has released a music video for his latest single

Psychologist has work showcased in medical journal

Report by **Henry James**

A SENIOR clinical psychologist in the Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) has had a chapter published in a leading academic book on healthcare for people with intellectual and development disabilities (IDD).

Dr Fleur-Michelle Coiffait of the trust's learning disability and complex needs team, co-authored the chapter that has now been published in the third edition of 'Health Care for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities across the Lifespan.'

The book is widely acclaimed as the must-have in the field of healthcare for people with IDD and Dr Coiffait said: "I am delighted that this chapter has been published in this leading international healthcare text."

In her chapter, 'Psychological Well-Being of Children and Adults with Severe and Profound Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities', Dr Coiffait explains that individuals displaying difficult behaviour may be communicating their distress or pain in an attempt to get their needs met and that caring for an individual with severe and profound intellectual and developmental disabilities is a challenging role that can have a significant emotional impact on both paid and family carers.

Merseyrail apologise for station stop gaffe

WHOOPS! The driver of a recent 0942 train from Liverpool to Ormskirk forgot he had passengers on board and ran through Maghull station by three carriage lengths.

The red-faced driver had to contact the signal centre for permission to back up to the platform.

Apparently he thought the train was an ECS – empty carriage service through to Ormskirk!

A spokesperson forMerseyrail said: "So-called station 'over-runs' are a common occurrence on all rail networks and happen from time to time on Merseyrail, as well. It is true that on that particular train, the driver failed to stop at Maghull, before realising his error a short distance beyond this station.

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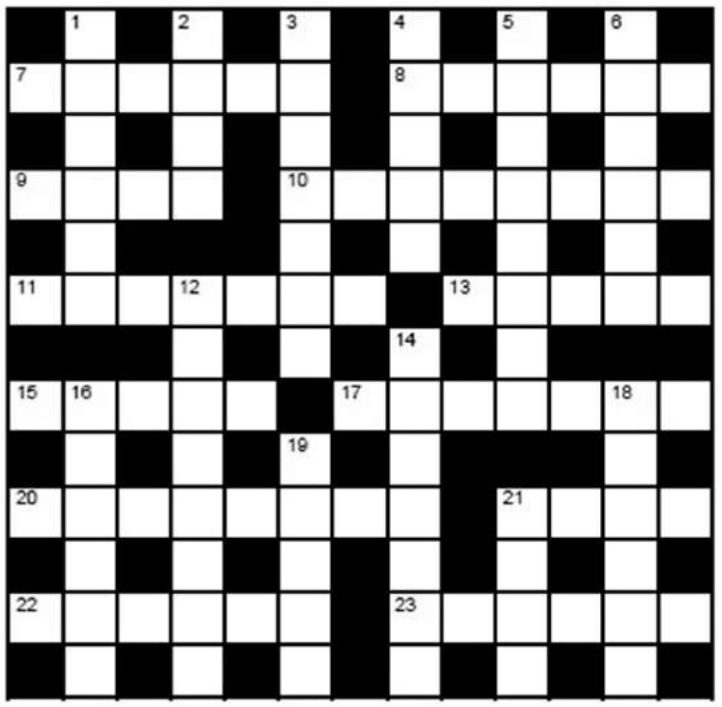

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ACROSS

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9 To alert, caution (4)
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15 To find an answer to (5)
17 Title inaccurately (7)
20 There were 100 of these in a Deutsche mark (8)
21 Plot of land (4)
22 Project (6)
23 Pipe or hole through which liquid or gas may escape (6)

DOWN

1 Layers of rock (6)
2 Threadbare (4)
3 Having a significant effect (7)
4 Pleasure trip (5)
5 Condense, summarize (4,4)
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Iconic Kennet to help mark canal celebrations

Report by **Tom Martin**

TO HELP celebrate the Leeds & Liverpool Canal bicentenary, the historic short boat Kennet will re-create the inaugural ceremonial journey 127 miles across the Pennines.

The boat, which was built in 1947 and is now mainly used for educational purposes, will set off from Leeds on Saturday, October 15 before arriving in Liverpool nine days later on Sunday, October 23.

The voyage, supported by Canal & River Trust, will be a culmination of a year of festivities and celebrationsto help markof the 200th anniversary of the canal.

The Kennet is set to float past the Scarisbrick Bridge on Saturday, October 22 at around 3.30pm before travelling towards Downholland Cross Bridge at around 5.15pm.

It will then stay overnight at Bell's Swing Bridge before going to Northway Bridge in Maghull the following day.

It will travel past Old Roan Bridge on Sunday, October 23 at around 10am, Litherland Bridge at midday before eventually ending at Vauxhall Bridge at around 1.45pm.

The original ceremonial boat journey across the Pennines was held in October 1816, which lasted five days.

The Canal Society crew wants the Kennet to complete the journey at a more leisurely pace so more people can get a glimpse as it travels along the water.

Organisers now want everyone to get involved, including heritage boats which are invited to join Kennet along the way.

Kennet organiser Harold Bond said: "We are calling on heritage boats, boat clubs and boaters to create a flotilla of decorated boats to join Kennet along the way. We would love to see crowds lining the canal as we pass by. Several mayors have already agreed to receive us and at least one brass band will be serenading us as we sail past.

"It would be fantastic if we could be joined by local school children and community groups, cheering and waving flags. Kennet will be decked out in bunting to symbolise the two great shire county roses. It would be wonderful to be greeted by a sea of red and white as our procession sails along.

"Back in 1816, press reports state that the ceremonial first boat was greeted by peeling church bells, brass bands and cheering crowds, and canal barges were be-decked in flags and streamers. We would love to create that spirit of celebration and achievement again."

Sarah Knight, bicentenary coordinator for the Canal & River Trust, added: "I would appeal to any boat club, community group, brass band or organisation near the canal to start planning now. Get in touch with us to be part of the greatest long distance, waterside party Yorkshire, Lancashire and Merseyside have ever staged."

The historic Kennet short boat

Ageing Well to host roadshow

A ROADSHOW will be held around West Lancashire in September to raise awareness of the services and activities that are on offer for older residents.

The event, which will be promoted through West Lancashire's Ageing Well Partnership and associated networks, has been organised by community and resources team leader Louise Reynolds from the charity Age UK Lancashire. It will run from September 26 to 30.

Louise Reynolds said: "I am looking for local venues to host coffee mornings or information points.

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Police chiefs' plea on tackling child sex abuse

LANCASHIRE'S police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw has joined forces with other PCCs across the country in urging the government to maintain its focus on keeping youngsters safe following the resignation of Justice Lowell Goddard as chair of the independent inquiry into child sexual abuse.

Crime figures released last month show a shocking 33% increase in the number of sexual offences in Lancashire compared to the year before.

The chair of the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC), Vera Baird QC, has written to the Home Secretary urging a swift response so that the work of the inquiry is not put at risk.

Mr Grunshaw said: "The government must now step up with actions, not just words, and back public services that work to protect children, keeping them safe."

There were 2,656 sexual offences recorded in Lancashire between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016.

Former mayoress unveils defibrillator at nursery

STAFF at a local nursery celebrated after raising £1,500 for a life-saving Community Publicly Accessible Defibrillator.

The team at Portico at West End Primary School in Grimshaw Lane, Ormskirk were inspired to raise money for the defibrillator with a sponsored walk and raffle after completing first aid training with members of the North West Ambulance Service.

Former West Lancs mayoress Sue Murrin–Bailey Sue, who runs the Lancashire Defibrillator Campaign, visited the nursery to officially unveil the defibrillator.

● *The photo caption accompanying an earlier article about the defibrillator's unveiling mistakenly referred to Portico Kindergarten nursery.*

Sue Murrin-Bailey (left) with staff and the new defibrillator

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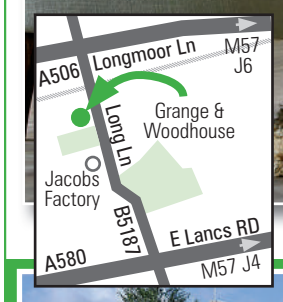

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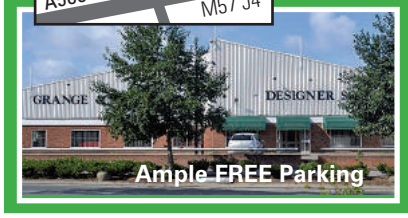

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And TV presenter, Rav Wilding of the BBC's Crimewatch Roadshow programme, went along to present the award to the Lancashire and Lakes branch of the North West Blood Bikes.

This group of motorcyclists volunteer in their 'down' time' - evenings, weekends, and bank holidays - seven days a week, 365 days a year to ensure hospitals don't have to pay for private couriers out of hours.

The group has previously been awarded a National Lottery grant to fund one of their 14 liveried bikes.

Now, as a result of their win, they have been awarded a £3,000 cash prize, a National Lottery Awards trophy and will attend star-studded awards ceremony, The National Lottery Stars to be broadcast on BBC 1 on Monday, September 12.

Rav Wilding said: "I'm delighted to present the blood bikers with their well-earned National Lottery Award.

Blood bikers win National Lottery health project award

"The inspirational volunteers behind this project are a real credit to society. They think nothing of giving up their free time to transport urgently-needed medical supplies, and in doing so, save lives. National Lottery players should feel proud to support such an outstanding project."

Almost 5,000 people voted for the North West Blood Bikes Lancs & Lakes to be named the UK's Best Health project, supported by Woman & Home, in this year's National Lottery Awards - the annual search to find the UK's favourite Lottery-funded projects.

Paul Brooks, chairman and trustee of the branch, said: "I'm over the moon to hear that we have won a National Lottery Award. Thank-you to everyone who voted, we really value your support. It's heartwarming to feel appreciated for the hard work we put in every day to operate a professional service."

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Shamal Harave

Green-fingered Shamal wins contest to design show eco-garden

A GREEN-FINGERED youngster has won a competition which will see his garden design be re-created and viewed by thousands of people at the Southport Flower Show.

Shamal Harave, who attends Merchant Taylors' Junior Boys' School, beat off competition from pupils across the region, who were all tasked with designing an eco-friendly, Mediterranean-themed garden.

Shamal's garden will now be built for the Southport Flower Show, which starts this week.

He has also scooped £500 to be spent on his school's own garden, as well as a cash prize for his personal use.

Shamal said: "I am amazed that I have won! It's a fabulous feeling that my garden is going to be built for the show. It's wonderful that I have won money for the school to spend on the garden, and money for me. I might get a Kindle and if I have some spare money, a Lego set."

Helen White, Head of Art at the Crosby school added: "We were delighted to hear that Shamal has won. He has also just won the school academic prize for his year; he works unbelievably hard in all areas, and is a true representative of our school with his determined and resilient attitude.

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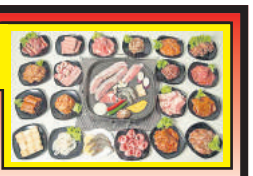

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Top accolade for borough's perfect parks

Beacon Country Park in Upholland has been given the Green Flag Award for the 10th year running

THREE local parks have been named in a list of the best in the country.

Beacon Country Park in Upholland in Skelmersdale was given the Green Flag Award for the 10th year in a row, Coronation Park in Ormskirk was given the accolade for the ninth time and Greenacres in Rainford has won the award for the second year running.

The parks were among a record-breaking 1,686 parks and green spaces that received the accolade after undergoing a rigorous assessment by judges from environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, which co-ordinates the Green Flag Awards scheme. The parks can now fly a Green Flag overhead as a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent facilities.

Greenacres in Rainford is a woodland burial park owned by the Bibby Line Group where loved ones can be buried or their ashes interred.

Beacon Country Park and Coronation Park are public parks run by the borough council.

Diane Fusco from GreenAcres said: "We are absolutely delighted to receive a Green Flag Award for the second year running from Keep Britain Tidy. This award recognises and highlights that people are benefitting from a green space of the very highest quality."

West Lancashire Borough Council staff and local volunteers work hard all year round to ensure the parks are maintained to a high standard and are places that the public will enjoy visiting.

Councillor Kevin Wilkie, portfolio holder for street scene, said: "Staff and volunteers will continue to work hard to maintain the very high standards necessary to keep these awards. The Council's staff and the teams of volunteers provide a great service and make sure our parks look their best and we are very grateful for all their efforts."

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The project will seek responses from care homes visited by Healthwatch Lancashire along with a sample of 120 care homes across Lancashire's six clinical commissioning group footprints. Care homes will be asked questions relating to residents access to effective dental services and emergency dental services, as well as any issues they have experienced for their residents.

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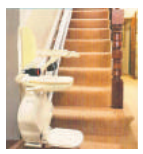

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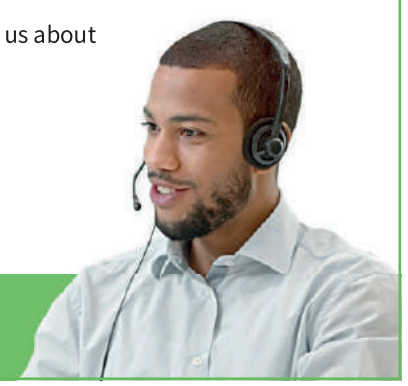

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The family of Mr David Batty would like to express their heartfelt gratitude and say Thank You to each and everyone for making this difficult time easier.
We greatly appreciate all your kind words, sympathy cards and donations (for The Dementia UK)
It was extremely overwhelming to think how many peoples lives he touched.
We would also like to thank The Co-Operative Funeral for all their help in the arrangements.
A very much loved husband, Dad and Grandad who will be sadly missed and always in our hearts.
Rae, Gillian, Diane, Luke and James

MACKLAM MARLENE

On behalf of the family, Derek would like to thank all the kind and thoughtful people who have expressed their sympathy on the passing of his wife, Marlene. Deepest gratitude and thanks to Canon Les Thomas for the many prayers and words of comfort when conducting the service at St Cuthbert's Church. Donations have been gratefully received for the Medical Day Unit Fund at Southport Hospital, who looked after Marlene so well over the last three and a half years. Derek is most appreciative of all the above and it has been a great comfort to the whole family. Finally thanks to Carl Howard and his team from Howard's Funeral Directors for their most sensitive and professional funeral arrangements.

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Love Mum and Dad
xx
(Revelation Chapter 21. V 1.5)

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

CROWLEY TED
17th August

Happy birthday to our special man, we miss you so much. The tears in our eyes we can wipe away, but the ache in our hearts will always stay.
Your loving wife Joan
xxx
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xxx

ROBINSON GEORGE
17th August

To a loving Husband, Dad and Grandad.
Thinking of you on this special day. From your Wife Edna and Family.

DEATHS

JONES DAVID WILLIAM
5th August 2016
Passed away peacefully at home, aged 76 years

"We don't want to say goodbye. God must have thought you were special to take you away but couldn't he have waited another day. God's looking after you now high, high up in the sky up where the angels lie. You wouldn't have wanted us to make a fuss, after all you are still down here with us. Just because we can't see you, doesn't mean you are not here. As we know you are somewhere very near. Now it's time to say goodbye but the love in our hearts will never die."

Dad, we love you so much, your loving children Anita, Anna, Lille, Karl and Glyn. Funeral service at St Michael & All Angels Church, Dalton on Thursday 18th August 2016 at 11.00am followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough at 12.15pm. All enquiries to H Hardman & Co, Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick, Tel 01695 722122/720012.

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DEATHS

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Aged 67 years

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DIMELOE BILL
9th August 2016
Aged 91 years

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DUCKERS DOROTHY MAY
10th August 2016
Peacefully in Hospital
Aged 60 years

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DEATHS

JACKSON HUGH
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MUNRO KENNY
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tragically

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Those he loved remember.
A special person, yes I know he was my darling Son.
xx

LIAM MCCABE
18th August

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(Make Request).

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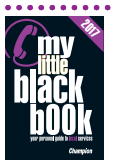

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO.S 11 AND 12, 63 (PART), ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which is to prohibit temporarily any traffic from proceeding over those lengths of Public Footpath no.s 11 and 12, 63 (part), Ormskirk, Borough of West Lancashire, indicated below:-

Public Footpath No. 11 Ormskirk, at its junction with Scarth Hill Lane near, Ormskirk, West Lancashire and running in a generally easterly, then north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 253 metres to Point B (GR SD 4311 0697) and its junction with Whiteleys Lane, Ormskirk, West Lancashire.

Part of FP12 Ormskirk, West Lancashire commencing at Threfalls Farm, Ormskirk at Point C (GR SD 4328 0741) and running in a generally northerly direction for a distance of approximately 445 metres to Point D (GR SD 4346 0781) at its junction with Crosshall Brow, Ormskirk West Lancashire.

Part of FP63 Ormskirk, West Lancashire commencing from its junction with Crosshall Brow, Ormskirk, West Lancashire at Point E (GR SD 4289 0799) and running in a generally north, then north easterly direction for a distance of approximately 490 metres to Point F and its junction with the dismantled railway line, Ormskirk, West Lancashire.

The closure is necessary due to works proposed to be and being executed on or near the routes, said works being the laying of a new pipeline.

Access for pedestrians to any premises situated on or adjacent to the footpaths, or to any other premises accessible for pedestrians from, and only from, the footpaths, will be maintained at all times.

Nothing in the order shall apply to emergency service vehicles.

The Order will be operative from the 23rd August, 2016, for a period of 6 months or until the works are completed within this period.

IAN YOUNG, Director of Governance, Finance & Public Services, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, PRESTON PR1 8XJ

NOT PART OF THE STATUTORY NOTICE

The plan on site shows the route to be closed as A-B & C-D-E-F. Lancashire County Council is informed that there is an alternative route available for the closure of footpath 11 Ormskirk only using Scarth Hill Lane, then Whiteleys Lane, Ormskirk, West Lancashire. Shown G-H-B on the enclosed plan. The alternative route has not been inspected in connection with this closure. Please contact the Rights of Way Team on 01772 533722 if necessary.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NOS 2 AND 62 BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which is to prohibit temporarily any traffic from proceeding over those lengths of Public Footpath Nos 2 and 62, Bickerstaffe, Borough of West Lancashire, indicated below:-

Public Footpath No. 2 Bickerstaffe, West Lancashire commencing from Point A (GR SD 4314 0561) at its junction with High Lane, Bickerstaffe, West Lancashire and running in a generally north westerly direction for a distance of approximately 654 metres to Point B (GR SD 4260 0598) and its junction with Cropper Lane, Bickerstaffe, West Lancashire.

Public Footpath No. 62 Bickerstaffe, West Lancashire commencing from Point C (GR SD 4287 0418) at its junction with Liverpool Road, West Lancashire and running in a generally north westerly direction for a distance of approximately metres to Point D (GR SD 4229 0483) at its junction with Graveyard Lane, Bickerstaffe, West Lancashire.

The closure is necessary due to works proposed to be and being executed on or near the footpaths, said works being the construction of a new pipeline.

Access for pedestrians to any premises situated on or adjacent to the footpaths, or to any other premises accessible for pedestrians from, and only from, the footpaths, will be maintained at all times.

Nothing in the order shall apply to emergency service vehicles.

The Order will be operative from the 1st September, 2016, for a period of 6 months or until the works are completed within this period.

IAN YOUNG, Director of Governance, Finance & Public Services, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, PRESTON PR1 8XJ

NOT PART OF THE STATUTORY NOTICE

The plan on site shows the route to be closed as A-B C-B. Lancashire County Council is informed that no alternative route is provided. Please contact the Rights of Way Team on 01772 533722 if necessary.

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(STATION ROAD, RUFFORD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Station Road, Rufford from 20 meters either side of the level crossing.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 23:25 on Monday 29th August 2016 until 06:25 on Tuesday 30th August 2016 and from 23:15 on Saturday 10th September until 06:15 on Monday 12th September 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: B5246 Meadow Lane – B5246 Rufford Road – B5246 Hall Lane – B5256 Robin Lane – B5256 Chorley Road – B5246 Lancaster Lane – A5209 Alder Lane – A5209 Ash Brow – A5209 Course Lane – A5209 Lowry Hill Lane – A5209 Briars Lane – A5209 Square Lane – A59 Liverpool Road North – A59 Moss Lane – A59 Causeway Lane – A59 Liverpool Road – B5246 Diamond Jubilee Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Level Crossing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3371/WH]

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/0815/FUL Two storey side extension including use of roof space as office with velux 'cabrio' balcony. Removal of existing rear conservatory and outhouse and erection of new orangery at Sunny Lea, Maltkiln Lane, Bispham.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/0761/FUL Proposed front electric gate and pedestrian gate at Needless Inn Farm, Lady Alices Drive, Lathom.
Application No: 2016/0806/FUL Demolition of existing garage and utility. New two storey side extension and single storey rear garden room extension at Knights Barn, Roby Mill, UpHolland, Skelmersdale.
Application No: 2016/0841/LBC Listed Building Consent - Proposed front electric gate and pedestrian gate at Needless Inn Farm, Lady Alices Drive, Lathom.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI — Dated: 17th August 2016
Director of Development and Regeneration — PDNOT911

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PARBOLD STREET FESTIVAL EVENT, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) (ORDER 2016
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council ("The County Council") intend to make an Order under **Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over the full length of road, unless otherwise stated, in Parbold, in the Borough of West Lancashire, the details of which are set out below.
Alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closure will be:
Tan House Lane – B5246 Lancaster Lane – A5209 Alder Lane and vice versa.
Pedestrian access to properties will be available at all times. Vehicular access to properties will be restricted.
The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the holding of the Parbold Street Festival.
The prohibition will be operative from 1100 hours on 03rd September until 1900 hours on Sunday 04th September 2016, or sooner if the event finishes earlier.
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3858/WH]

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LEGAL NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(LEES LANE, ROBY MILL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Lees Lane, Roby Mill from its junction with Appley Lane South for approx. 600 meters west, in the Borough of West Lancashire.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours until 1600 hours on Sunday 4th September 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Lees Lane – Hillock Lane – Higher Lane – Beacon Lane – Mill Lane – A577 Dingle Road – College Road - Stoney Brow – Roby Mill – Bank Brow and Vice Versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3841/WH]

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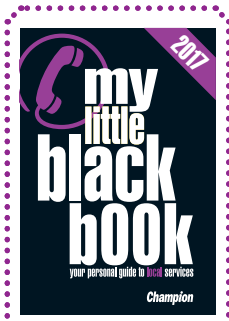

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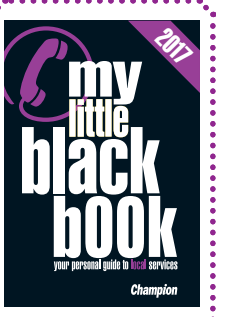

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OMELETTES, mayonnaise and the Citroën 2CV's supple suspension. Eggs have got a lot to answer for.

It's clear this superfood is a force for good, and not just on the foodie front; along with yielding superb sandwich fillings it's also provided generations of motorists with a useful bodge for sealing radiator leaks, and helped force the resignation of the odd Government minister over the years.

Yet it was only the other day that I learned the humble egg can have a truly terrifying application. If it's lobbed at your car from a bridge over the M57 it's no yolk. It's a very small missile, and it's bloody terrifying.

It happened last Friday night in the closing stages of a three-and-a-bit hour journey back to the North West from Peterborough. It's a journey I've done hundreds of times over the past few years and I thought I'd seen it all – traffic jams that can bend time with their longevity, motorway bridges with the word 'PIES' scrawled across them in six-foot letters, delivery vans with pun-tastically awful slogans, you name it. Even the spectre of desperate truckers sneaking off for a cheeky wee without realising the entire A1 is looking no longer shocks me.

But the sound of an egg hitting my Peugeot's windscreen did, to the point where I briefly closed my eyes as the loud bang of something that so clearly deserved to be cooked and laid out lovingly over a slab of gammon erupted onto the glass. It was only when I opened my eyes a second later to a windscreen covered in orangey goo that I realised what the projectile was.

Luckily all it took to recover from this unwarranted attack was a quick dab of windscreen wash, but I drove away with two genuinely unsettling thoughts. The first is that while I've never pretended to be remotely good at driving, I've experienced enough not to be fazed. What if the egg-wielding oiks had selected a car driven by a newly qualified driver as their target? It might have put a perfectly good motorist off driving altogether or – even worse – freaked them out enough to cause an accident.

But worst of all is that said yobs – who in the interests of ironic justice really ought to be pecked to death by a clutch of resentful chickens – could have picked something much worse than eggs. At the end of the day people hurling stuff off motorway bridges – for all my bad egg puns – is a pretty serious business.

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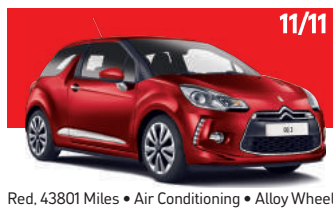

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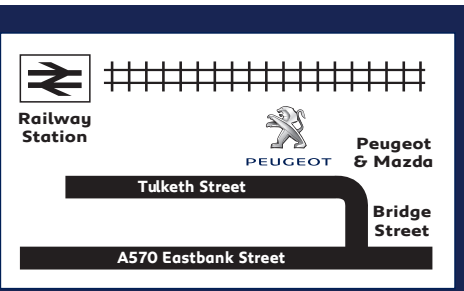

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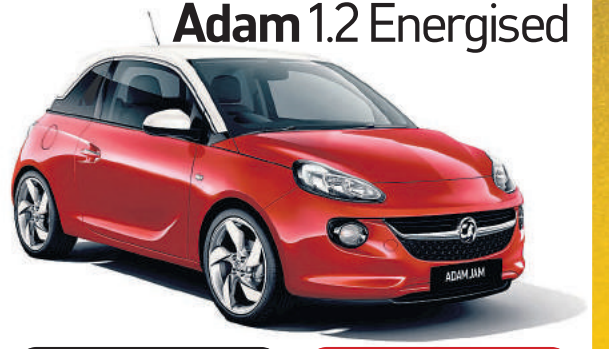

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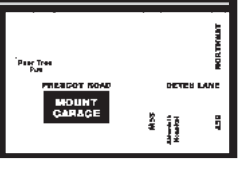

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Linnets are hit for four at Trafford

Trafford 4
Burscough 0

BURSCOUGH got off to a bad start in last weekend's league opener in a 4-0 loss away at Trafford.

It wasn't until the 25th minute that there was a chance on goal when Trafford's tall striker Mark Derbyshire headed a Kyle Jacobs free kick over the crossbar.

Jacobs then fired straight at Thomas Goodwin as the hosts began to dominate and the deadlock was finally broken in the 38th minute when Jacobs' diagonal pass was headed back across by Craig Robinson and Aaron Burns arrived to tuck the ball home from close range.

Three minutes later Derbyshire made it two with a soaring header into the roof of the net following a pinpoint cross from the right by Kingsley Williams.

Burscough almost snatched a goal early in the second half when Elliott Nevitt drilled a low shot from 15 yards that was superbly saved by Russ Saunders.

Two goals in three minutes effectively killed off any hopes the visitors had of gaining anything from the game, Burns releasing Jacobs in the 57th minute and the latter skipping past Goodwin to slide the ball home.

Then centre back Craig Robinson tapped home after Burscough had failed to clear a right wing corner.

The final half hour belonged entirely to Trafford with Burns being denied by a fine save by Goodwin and Nicky Platt just failing to connect with a low cross.

Burscough were due to face Lancaster City last night (Tuesday, August 16) before travelling to either Parkgate or Irlam on Saturday, August 20 in the preliminary round of the FA Cup.

Dale Wright.

Wright welcome back in midfield

SKELMERSDALE have added to their squad this week as Dale Wright returns to the club.

Ormskirk-based Wright was a member of the championship winning squad from 2012/13 so is well known and popular with the Skem support.

The 6ft tall midfielder has been plying his trade with National North side Stalybridge Celtic in the interim period.

Meanwhile, the draw was made for the First Qualifying Round of the FA Cup this week although the tie will not be played until Saturday, September 3.

It has not been very kind to Skelmersdale or their supporters, promising a difficult and long away trip to either Gateshead side Dunston UTS or Penrith. On paper the former are the stronger team and the team from Paul Gascoigne's home town have a cup history having lifted the FA Vase in 2012.

Although the season has started, season tickets can still be purchased prior to the home game against Coalville or by ringing 01695 575958

Spectacular start for debut boy Hodkinson

Skelmersdale United 1
Grantham Town 1

SKELMERSDALE battled for a point in their season opener against a team who had won on their last three visits to Stormy Corner.

Both teams had early opportunities, Rob Bodie firing wide of the near-post from a Shaun Holden corner in the sixth minute, while down the other end Danny Meadows put Grant Ryan behind the home backline, but he hooked his shot well wide.

In the 18th minute Kenny Strickland lifted a free kick to the far side of the penalty area, Phil Mooney found Bodie who held the ball up and rolled it into the path of debutant Ben Hodkinson who unleashed a vicious left-foot shot from 20 yards that flew into the corner of the Grantham net. It was certainly a spectacular way to announce your arrival at the club.

Grantham had defended well during the first-half, but in a five minute period just before half-time they probably had their best spell.

Martin Fearon pushed a Meadows shot around the post on 41 minutes, then a Rhys Lewis overhead kick flicked the top of the crossbar as it went for goal-kick a minute later.

Grantham made changes and on 63 minutes one nearly paid dividends, substitute Ben Saunders going to ground as Ian Rowlands collided with him. However, from the resulting penalty Martin Fearon rescued Skem, his diving save from Meadows spot-kick, his 12th penalty save in the last 18 months.

Grantham pressed and Skelmersdale were doing well although they were kept busy, goalkeeper Fearon not having a great of deal to clear up.

Then with 16 minutes to go the ball was headed over the Skelmersdale defence and another substitute, Curtis Burrows was presented with a bouncing ball that fell perfectly and was duly volleyed into the Skem net.

The rest of the game was fairly close, Grantham didn't have to push as hard to salvage the match and Skelmersdale took the opportunity to attack more. The outcome was that both teams did what they had done best all afternoon, defend well and the game ended 1-1.

Skelmersdale were due to face Matlock Town last night (Tuesday, August 16) before they travel to Mickleover Sports on Saturday, August 20 at 3pm.

They also host Coalville Town next Tuesday (August 23) at 7.45pm.

Ormskirk suffer 8 wicket defeat at home to Formby

ORMSKIRK remain in third place in the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division after an eight wicket home defeat by fourth placed Formby.

After electing to bat the hosts eventually declared after 59.1 overs on 187-9, with the bulk of their runs coming from Josh Bohannon whose 73 runs took him past 500 for the season, whilst Gary Keedy shone with the ball in taking 6-89.

In reply, James Seward carried his bat with an unbeaten 88 and Stephen Parry hit an unbeaten 50 as Formby made light work of their run chase and cruised to victory on 191-2.

Northern opened up a 25 point lead at the top the with a five wicket home win over Rainhill. The visitors chose to bat and thanks to runs from David Atkinson (68), Sam Kershaw (51), Ross Higham (28) and Matthew Dale (26*) put 215 up on the board, with Tom Sephton 4-83 and Ryan Maddock 3-50 the pick of the bowlers. In reply Stephen Lucas opened up with 71 before Justin Snow hit 43, paving the way for skipper James Cole (31*) and Maddock (17*) to finish the job off and take the leaders to victory on 216-5.

After four Premier League matches without a victory, Firwood Bootle were relieved to get back to winning ways at home to New Brighton.

In teh First Division Burscough dropped down to seventh in the table after a four wicket home defeat against Sefton Park, the hosts chose to bat and crawled their way to 159-7 dec off 63 overs with opener Lee Berrie (52) and all rounder Rob Glaysher (41*) scoring the bulk of the runs, whilst Robbie Houghton took 4-52. In reply Sean Vandome opened up with 48 and Jameel Stuart cracked an unbeaten 51 as the visitors sealed victory in half the time on 160-6, with Navdeep Aujla taking 3-33.

Maghull gave themselves hope in their battle for survival with a convincing 94 run home win over Northop Hall, after electing to bat the hosts piled up 263-5 declared thanks to vital runs from openers Macauley Lawrenson (95) and skipper Paul Walters (46), whilst Jon Ring weighed in with an unbeaten 54* and Greg Gillespie an unbeaten 40*. In reply Declan Devine took 3-31 as the visitors were dismissed for 169.

This weekend's local LDCC Premier Division fixtures (noon start): Lytham v Northern, New Brighton v Ormskirk and Rainford v Bootle.

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Sean is expecting a good following from Ormskirk to be in good voice on the night.

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As you would expect from a Great British Pub, food is stonkingly good, with classic dishes given modern twists and cooked by a team of local chefs who are constantly looking for the best local supplies. Alternatives such as vegan dishes are always on offer and the extensive menu has something for everyone. For the coffee lovers, The Ship offers true Barrista coffees made with locally roasted beans. A meal at the Ship is a treat for the senses and booking is advisable as this is a very popular venue.

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One of the most welcome additions to the Ormskirk dining scene in recent years, The Cricketers pub-restaurant is attractively situated on Chapel Street, where the Ruff Lane and Chapel Street conservation areas converge.

Alongside The Ship at Lathom, 'The Cricks' is a business owned by two local families and run by one of their number, manager Dave Speak.

Dave says: "We love our place in the heart of a fabulous town, set in a beautiful rural region that's internationally renowned for the quality food it produces'. Dave points to a host of local suppliers that are celebrated on fascinating menus, showcasing unique combinations like 'Lancashire tapas' alongside classic dishes like fish'n'chips.

Referring to recent Tripadvisor feedback, Dave continues 'we are thrilled by the validation of our efforts when we see reviews that highlight an atmosphere that 'successfully combines the contemporary with the homely' and food that is 'special without being fussy or over-priced'.

The Cricketers people are also active in the Ormskirk Town Centre groups that you'll start to see collaborating to improve the environment, develop an identity and create exciting events.

Dave adds: "We invested a lot of time and effort last year, working closely with Ormskirk Cricket Club, to introduce The Ormskirk Beer, Food & Wine Festival - an event that was a fantastic success which we'll be looking to build upon this year and hopefully well into the future"

One thing that matters above all else at The Cricketers; it's the people of course - a great environment with welcoming staff attracts the sort of lovely clientele that truly define the place.

Dave reckons that the selection and development of his team has been his greatest achievement.

"We have always encouraged our folks' personalities to shine through. That puts them in the best position to satisfy customers' needs and wants." "When that is backed up with exceptional food, prepared by one of the best chef teams in the region, led by Head Chef Tom Wells, it's a recipe for success (no pun intended!)."

The Cricketers team is really proud of its loyal customer base, built up in a relatively short space of time and demonstrated most tangibly by the West Lancs CAMRA Pub of the Year Award for 2015 for the pub side, and the Taste Lancashire 'Highest Quality Assured' award for the glorious food.

Co-owners Ray McKinty and Dave Coyle feel that, by embracing Ormskirk, they have contributed to its bright future. Ray says: "These are exciting times! We have seen impressive growth over the past year as we've worked to establish ourselves. We expect to maintain this trend by keeping in tune with what our customers want, reacting to changing food trends, maintaining the high level of service, and re investing in the premises to create the perfect environment."

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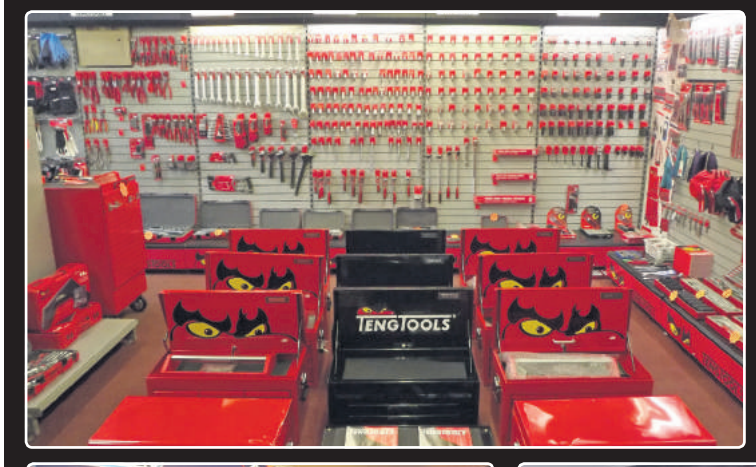

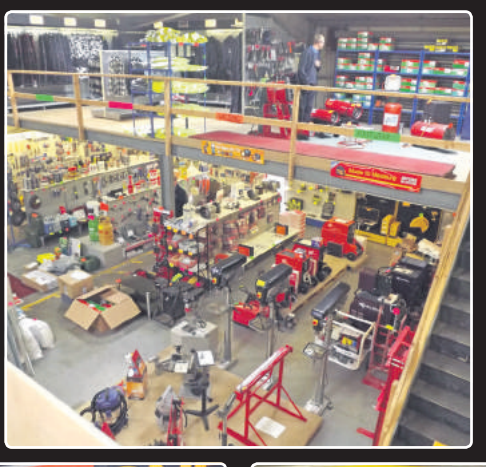

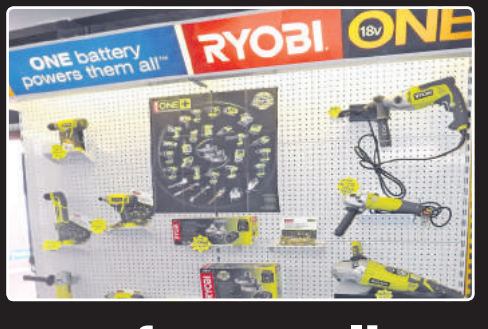

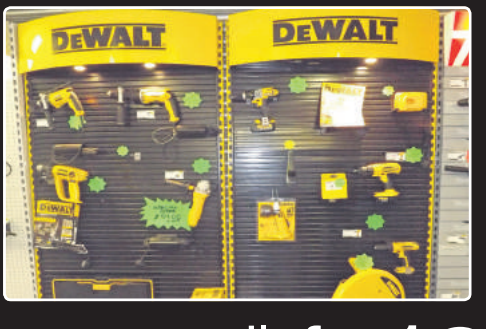

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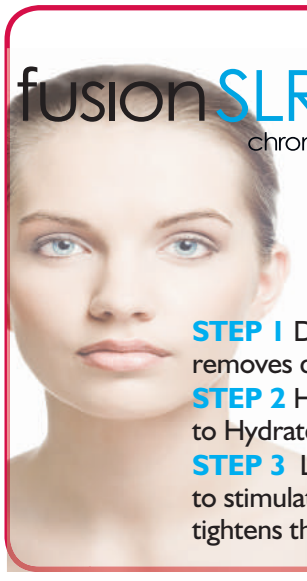

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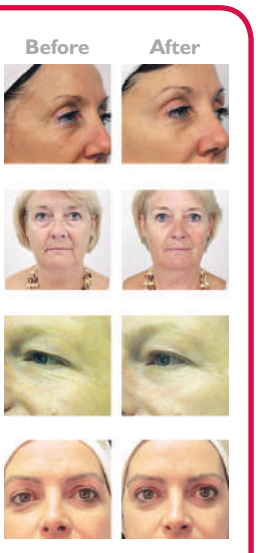

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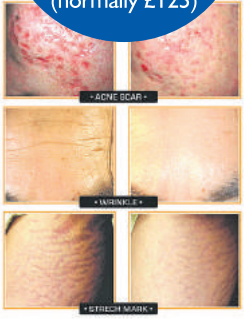

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Indeed, Sooty's Plants has seen its number of visitors soar in the first half of this year. With its convenient location and recent range of improvements, this garden centre is quite simply a lovely place to spend quality time for family and friends.

Walking around can be thirsty work and Sweep's Cafe offers an oasis of relaxation with its tantalising array of home made foods ranging from beautiful salads (such as poached salmon and new potatoes in lemon mayo) to strawberry meringues, some of the best dairy ice cream you will ever taste and a full kids menu. A wide range of beverages is available and Sweep's Cafe is fast gaining a reputation for its specials and offers as well as its tasty fayre all served in lovely and laid back surroundings. The addition of 2 new chefs, Martin and Johnny accompanying head chef Lynn, means that all food orders are dealt with extremely efficiently and displayed beautifully on the plate. After the August Bank Holiday a new Autumn menu will also be being introduced.

Service is an essential part of life at Sooty's Plants and Sweep's Cafe, and the whole team never forgets that customers are their main priority. From advice for best planting to special requirements for food and drink, Sooty's and Sweep's share the same high reputation amongst its customers, some of whom have been visiting Sooty's for many, many years.

Whatever the weather, you can be certain to have a great time in this lovely centre. And let's face it, even if it is raining, a glass of prosecco or a specialist coffee, together with a slice of mouth watering cake are enough of an encouragement to spend some great time at Sooty's plants and Sweeps' cafe! See you there!

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The company is headed by John Davies and Stephanie Greaves, helped by a staff which includes three of their family members.

The customer is king at Tigertuft, which prides itself on letting people take their time to find the perfect flooring for them, never pushing them to buy but always being on hand with any advice or help needed.

The owner's nephew Lee Jones says: "We always try to give honest, professional advice, and we are never pushy.

"Everything is clearly prices with no hidden extras and people appreciate that. They feel comfortable coming here and trust us to do a good deal."

The range of flooring is vast - from all-purpose carpets to premium brands like Ulster, along with solid-wood floor laminates and vinyls.

The majority of carpets are in stock ready to take away or just let one of the store's eight professionals do the job for

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